the benefit of the filing date of the following identified U.S. patent applications, which are incorporated herein by reference to the extent allowable by law:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/046,947, entitled "Appliances With Internet Access," filed 23 March 1998, which claims the benefit of the following identified U.S. patent applications;

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/707,623, entitled "Educational and Training Devices and Methods," filed on 5 September 1996 and issued on 5 October 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,961,333;

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/641,911, entitled "Information Retrieval and Presentation Systems With Direct Access To Retrievable Items Of Information," filed on 2 May 1996 and issued on 12 March 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,751,369;

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/624,983, entitled "Operation of Information/ Entertainment Centers," filed on 29 March 1996 and issued on 9 June 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,764,304, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/569,310 filed 8 December 1995;

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/624,984, entitled "Data Storage Devices," filed on 29 March 1996 and issued on 1 September 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,801,784, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/569,310 filed 8 December 1995;

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/625,719, entitled "Methods of Producing Data Storage Devices for Appliances," filed on 29 March 1996 and issued on 27 April 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,898,462, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/569,310 filed 8 December 1995;

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U.S. Patent Application No. 08/621,638, entitled "Systems In Which Information Can Be Retrieved From An Encoded Laser Readable Disc," filed on 3/26/96 and issued on 8 March 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,724,102, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/569,310, filed 8 December 1995; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 08/569,310, entitled "Systems With A Remote Control In Which Information Can Be Retrieved From An Encoded Laser Readable Disc," filed 8 December 1995 and issued on 5 May 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,748,254, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/505,969, filed Jul. 24, 1995, now abandoned.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 18 with the following paragraph:

Heretofore, the above-identified copending applications have proposed information retrieval and display systems which include an integrated module having: (a) a player for an optically readable, encoded data storage device such as a video compact disc, an audio compact disc, a laser disc, or a digital video disc; (b) a player for retrieving data from the disc; and (c) a screen on which the retrieved information can be displayed. Stored on the optically readable disc are data constituting instructions or other information sought by the user. In a kitchen setting this information may include, for example, video demonstrations of the steps involved in preparing a selected dish, recipe ingredient lists, and video demonstrations or information on the use and operation of utensils and appliances employed in preparing a selected item. In general, a host of information on cooking and other food preparation techniques, advice on stocking a pantry, and other kitchen-related subjects can be made available as well as information specific to a particular recipe including demonstrations of steps employed in preparing the item,

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ingredient lists, cooking times and temperatures, times for the accomplishing of other steps such as the marinating of meats, etc.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 21 with the following paragraph:

The internal operating components of integrated unit 26, depicted schematically in FIG. 2, constitute an integrated operating system identified by reference character 56. These components include a CPU board 58 and input jacks which are collectively identified by reference character 60 and which are employed to connect integrated unit 26 to a television signal source -- a television antenna or cable and/or a VCR. A tuner 62 is employed by the user to select one of the available television channels to watch or the VCR channel (usually 3 or 4) at the user's location. The off-the-air or VCR signal is directed through an audio/video switch 64 to an audio/video generator 66. That system component converts the incoming signal to a video signal, which can be transformed into visual images by CRT 31. The visual images are displayed on the CRT screen 32 of television set 30. The incoming signal typically also includes an audio component which is converted to audible sound by audio/video generator 66 and the illustrated stereo speaker system 68.

Please substitute the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 7 with the following paragraph:

In the kitchen range control schemata of FIGS. 6-8, a touch screen 130 overlies the CRT screen 32 of integrated unit 24. FIG. 6 shows a display 132 which a user of system 20 is allowed by system 20 to bring up on the CRT screen 32 of integrated unit 26.

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